

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/015,677

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Terminal Disclaimer filed on 9/5/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All . b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Terminal Disclaimer

1. The terminal disclaimer filed on 9/5/07 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US application 10/015,642 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded:

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-8 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's argument filed on 9/5/2007 is convincing. As argued by the applicant on pages 2-5, the uniquely distinct features wherein the second portion of the source image is a scaled portion of the source image such that when the first and second portions of the source image are displayed on the first and second display areas the resulting displayed image appears substantially continuous to a viewer situated to view the displayed image and the displayed resolution of the first portion of the source image is different from the displayed resolution of the second portion of the source image is not shown or suggested by the prior arts Hogle, IV (US 5,923,307).

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to teach a method for displaying a perceived continuous image across first and second display areas, each display area having a given display resolution and the display resolution of one display area is different than the display resolution of the other display area comprising: a) providing a source image to be displayed on the first and second display areas, **b) providing first and second portions of the source image to be displayed on the first and second display areas respectively wherein the second portion of the source image is a scaled portion of the source image such that when the first and second portions of the source image are displayed on the first and second display areas the resulting displayed image appears substantially continuous to a viewer situated to view the displayed image and the displayed resolution of the first portion of the source image is different from the displayed resolution of the second portion of the source image, and** c) transmitting the first portion of the source image to the first display area and the second portion of the source image to the second display area as claimed in **Claim 1.**

5. The prior art fails to teach a method for displaying a perceived continuous image across n display areas, each display area having a given display resolution and the display resolution of at least one display area is different than the display resolution of at least one other display area comprising: a) providing a source image to be displayed on the n display areas, **b) providing n portions of the source image to be displayed on**

the n display areas wherein at least one of the n portions of the source images is a scaled portion of the source image such that when the n portions of the source image are displayed on the n display areas the resulting displayed image appears substantially continuous to a viewer situated to view the displayed image and the displayed resolution of at least one portion of the source image is different from the displayed resolution of at least one other portion of the source image, and c) transmitting the n Images to the n display areas as claimed in Claim 4.

6. The prior art fails to teach a method for displaying a perceived continuous video image across first and second display areas, each display area having a given display resolution and the display resolution of one display area is different than the display resolution of the other display area comprising: a) capturing a first video image to be displayed on the first display area, b) capturing a second video image to be displayed on the second display area wherein the second image is a scaled portion of the first image such that when the images are displayed on the first and second display areas the resulting displayed image appears substantially continuous to a viewer situated to view the image and the displayed resolution of the first video image is different from the displayed resolution of the second video image, and c) transmitting the first video image to the first display area and the second video image to the second display area as claimed in Claim 7.

7. The prior art fails to teach a method for displaying a perceived continuous image across n display areas, each display area having a given display resolution and the display resolution of at least one display area is different than the display resolution of at least one other display area comprising: a) providing a source image to be displayed on the n display areas, **b) providing n portions of the source image to be displayed on the n display areas wherein each of the n portions of the source image is scaled using a scaling factor and the scaling factor of at least one of the n portions of the source image is different than the scaling factor of at least one other of the n portions of the source image such that when the n portions of the source image are displayed on the n display areas the resulting displayed image appears substantially continuous to a viewer situated to view the image and the displayed resolution of at least one portion of the source image is different from the displayed resolution of at least one other portion of the source image, and c) transmitting the n images to the n display areas as claimed in Claim 8.**

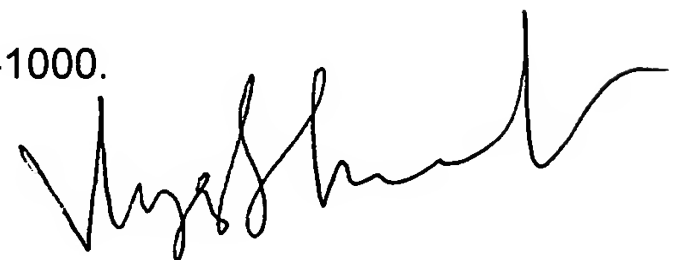
The closest prior art, Hogle, IV (US 5,923,307), either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above bold and underlined limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VIJAY SHANKAR whose telephone number is (571)272-7682. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BIPIN SHALWALA can be reached on (571) 272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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